

## Message Text

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E.O.11652: NA  
TAGS: EAIR, TH  
SUBJ: CIVAIR: WALL STREET JOURNAL ARTICLE RE THAI  
INTERNATIONAL  
REF: STATE 197647

1. A MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS OFFICIAL CONFIRMED THAT A STUDY IS BEING MADE OF POSSIBLE ALTERNATIVES TO THE HONOLULU-LOS ANGELES-NEW YORK ROUTE FOR WHICH THE RTG HOLDS LANDING RIGHTS. HOWEVER, THERE HAS BEEN NO SERIOUS CONSIDERATION GIVEN TO REQUESTING A ROUTE WITH A SEATTLE-CHICAGO SEGMENT. CURRENT FAVORED ALTERNATIVE TO THE HONOLULU-LOS ANGELES-NEW YORK ROUTE IS A TOKYO-NEW YORK ROUTE WHICH WOULD INCLUDE A TECHNICAL STOP EITHER IN ANCHORAGE OR SEATTLE.

2. OFFICIAL AFFIRMED (WITHOUT PROVOCATION) THAT THAI INTERNATIONAL WILL BE APPLYING FOR A PERMIT AS SOON AS THEY HAVE CONCLUDED THEIR STUDY AND REACHED DECISION ON THEIR ROUTE STRUCTURE. THIS WAS REFLECTED IN A NOTE THE RTG EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON SUBMITTED TO THE DEPARTMENT EARLIER THIS YEAR (NO. 17/2521, 9 JAN 78).

3. THE RTG WILL TAKE DELIVERY OF THE FIRST NEW 747'S IN OCT 1979 AND PLANS TO COMMENCE SERVICE TO THE US EITHER  
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BY NOV 1979 OR NO LATER THAN APRIL 1980.

4. RTG OFFICIAL APPEARED WELL VERSED ON APPLICATION PROCEDURES FOR A PERMIT AND PERHAPS UNDULY CONFIDENT THAT IT WILL BE APPROVED WITHOUT DELAY. ABRAMOWITZ

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